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TAGS: PINT, MY

SUBJECT: MUSTAPHA RETURNS AS USNO PRESIDENT

REF: (A) 76/KUALA LUMPUR 4920

(B) KUALA LUMPUR 2939 (NOTAL)

(C) KUALA LUMPUR A-63

1. FORMER SABAH CHIEF MINISTER TUN DATU MUSTAPHA BIN DATU HARUN WAS ELECTED UNOPPOSED MAY 17 AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED SABAH NATIONAL ORGANIZATION (USMO).

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. THE THREE OTHER MEN NOMINATED FOR THE USNO

PRESIDENCY--THE RECENT ACTING PRESIDENT TAN SRI SAID KERUAK, FEDERAL WORKS AND UTILITIES MINISTER DATUK GHANI GILONG, AND ACTING VICE PRESIDENT DATUK DZULKIFLI HAMID--ALL WITHDREW THEIR CANDIDACIES BEFORE

NOMINATIONS CLOSED. THUS, MUSTAPHA WHO RESIGNED AS USNO PRESIDENT LAST

AUGUST (REF A) AFTER THE PARTY'S LOSS TO THE BERJAYA PARTY IN STATE

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ELECTIONS (ALTHOUGH HE RETAINED HIS SEATS IN PARLIAMENT AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE), WILL GO INTO THE MAY 28-29 USNO CONVENTION AS UNDISPUTED

HEAD OF THE PARTY.

2. IN RECENT WEEKS MUSTAPHA HAS USED HIS PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED SABAH ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION (USIA) TO TOUR THE STATE MAKING SCARCELY

VEILED POLITICAL SPEECHES, AND HIS ELECTION AS USNO PRESIDENT MARKS
THE FIRST FORMAL STEP IN HIS EFFORTS FOR A POLITICAL COMEBACK. AS
NOTED IN REF B, MUSTAPHA'S MOTIVES IN RETURNING TO ACTIVE POLITICS
ARE STILL UNCLEAR TO SABAH OBSERVERS AND TO US. FOR A MORE DETAILED
ANALYSIS, SEE REF C, WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TODAY.
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